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# CHRISTMAS CAROLS TOBE SUNG AROUND COMMUNITY TREE

All Richmond to Join This Afternoon in Celebration.

AMPLE PROVISION

No Gifts to Be Distributed at Tree, but Will Be Delivered to Homes of Worthy People by Boy Scouts-Military to Aid in Keeping Order.

The Community Christmas Tree

The Community Christians Tree exercises will begin promptly at 6 o'clock, and will be held whether it rains or is clear. Cloudy weather is predicted by the United States Weather Bureau. If it should rain, the children are requested to bring their rainconts. The ground around the tree has been spread with sawdust to prevent their feet getting damp.

learned the ancient teaching that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." land government. This appointment and it stands to-day a symbol of an all-pervading sympathy and a token that the story of the cradle in the manger has not been forgot. It will represent the city's Christmas, the Christmas for the men who toll in the street, for the men who toll in the street, for the men who labor with their minds to States alterney when appointed, and the city's Christmas, the Christmas for the men who toll in the street, for the men who labor with their minds to make name and fame, for the women who slave by day and by night and their sisters upon whom fortune has smiled her favor, and for the little children whose Christmas is a dim and distant thing. While it flashes forth its messages of good cheer and its kindidy benisons, and while thousands of voices are caroling in pleasant tune, there will be others engaged in the pleasing business of doling out well-distributing stockings to little children. These will labor so that none may awaken to-morrow morning and the city's Christmas is a clamad had been prominently identified with the prosecution of customs frauds. His proponents claimed he had been unduly active in Republican and later in Progressive political affairs.

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Santa Claus has passed and forgotten. The tree will be the symbol of the charity, which goes forth without name and lingers wherever there is a fire-less hearth and a stocking hung at but she refused to let him in when she but she refused to let him in when she had been drinking. Several The Symbol of Charlty. charity, which goes forth without name and lingers wherever there is a fireless hearth and a stocking hung at the foot of a lowly bed. This charity will remember those who in other time have been forgotten and whose childish faith in that time-old figure of Santa Chais has begun to wane. Mothers and fathers will go to-day to the Associated Charities building, 1410 East Franklin Street, to receive their bas. Associated charities building, 1410 East Franklin Street, to receive their baskets, and this afternoon automobiles guided and guarded by details of Boy Scouts will earry forth and distribute the stockings, which others more fortunate have filled. Indexed cards have been distributed among all these whose distributed among all these whose distributed among all these whose been distributed among all those whose names have been handed in by any agent or charity organization whatagent or charity organization what-soever, and none will go lacking. If there shall be some who are neglected, it will be because their names have not been made known, or because there has not been enough money to provide for all. But the provisions which will fill the baskets have been bought carefully and as cheaply as possible, and

it is hoped that they will suffice for every need that cries. A Community Movement. A Community Movement.

It will be the first time in the history of Richmond that all the city has been invited to join in a common celebration, and that all the various organs of charity have been co-ordinated for the general good. Around the giant cedar to-night will be such a scene of life and color, of such complete and joyous abandon as Richmond has never seen before. From the dais around its seen before. From the dais around its base and through its greening boughs will well such a song as the good peo-ple of Richmond have never heard. It is said that sound is never lost, and perhaps this thousand-throated song will become mingled in the music of the spheres of which Pythagoras once foudly dreamed. There is at least in-spiration in the thought, and it was through inspiration that the idea of a Christmas for all was conceived. It came of a boundless faith in man, of a hope for the ultimate good and of a charity which believes much and gives

FOUR NIGHTS TO CALIFORNIA Via Washington-Sunset Route, Sunset Lim-ted daily: no extra fare, New train, Nov. 14-29-hours quicker tourist car service, 907 East Main Street,—Adv.

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### **NEW ROLE FOR DEBUTANTES**

Washington Society Girls Go In for Housekeeping.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 23.—Housekeeping and running their father's establishments is one of the latest useful fads of Washington society girls. TOLLS PROVISION

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IS MADE FOR POOR

Or Gifts to Be Distributed at Tree but Will Report to the former Turkish embassy on Connecticut Avenue, and Miss McChord having put it in order will give a beautiful dansant there on December 27 in honor of Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator Hoke Smith, Every detail has been arranged by Miss McChord personally.

### FOR NEW JERSEY FRIENDS

Special Reception at White House on Friday, February 13.

Washington, December 23.—A special White House reception in compllment to New Jersey will be given by the President and Mrs. Wilson on Friday, February 13.

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Governor-Elect Fielder, acting Governor Taylor. Judge Hudspeth, the Democratic national committeeman; the New Jersey delegation in Congress, the members of the Democratic State Committee, both those elected this year and those who served while Mr. Wilson was Governor, the New Jersey presidential electors, the Democratic delegation to the Baltimore Convention and their alternates, and a group of New Jersey editors will be present. Invitations will also be sent to members of their families.

Washington, December 23—A form resolution to conditionally suspend operation of the provision of the Panama Canal act granting free passage to American coastwise vessels was introduced to-day by Chairman Adamson, of Georgia, of the House Committee.

The suspension would be subject to the following conditions:

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## MISS WILSON AS SANTA CLAUS

Takes Automobile Load of Toys and Candles to Children.

Washington, December 22—Miss Eleanor Wilson, youngest daughter of the President, played Santa Claus to a half-hundred little children to-day. With Christmas greetings from the President, she took an automobile load of toys and candies to a settlement on the Virginia side of the Potomac, through which her father rides on his way to golf.

Miss Wilson visited about fifteen families, "There hasn't ever been such a time before in Virginia," commented one aged woman, as the automobile stopped at her house.

"We haven't seen the President come by," chimed in one of the children. "Where is he?"

"He has been ill," said Miss Wilson. There was a general inquiry as to his health from the assembled crowd, and Miss Wilson said her father sent his love and hest wishes, and was now going to Mississippi for a vacation.

## JUSSERANDS ENTERTAIN

Secretary of War and Mrs. Carrison

Guests of Honor. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, December 23,—The Se retary of War and Ars. Lindley L. Gar-rison were the honor guests at dinner to-night of the French ambassador and Madame Jusserand. The additional Madame Jusserand. The additional guests were the Secretary of Agricul-ture and Mrs. Davis B. Houston, the minister from Argentina and Madam Naon, the Belgian minister and Madam Naon, the Belgian minister and Madame Havenith; John Barrett, Colonel T. Bentley Mott, the military attache of the Spanish empassy, and Senora Urcullu; Mrs. William F. Draper, Mrs. Medill McCormick Mrs. William F. Draper, Mrs. Medill McCormick Mrs. William F. Draper. Medill McCormick, Mrs. Phillip Sheridan, Mrs. Henning Jennings, Dr. Thomas Lee, Miss Lee, Miss Marion Sands and the Viscount D'Azy,

# RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1913. DEVASTATION OF

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Avoided Since Wilson Assumed Office-Opportunity to Clear Up International Phases and Test All Sides of Controversy.

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tolls would be needed to operate the canal, to prevent the operation and trade professed that if the government really needed the tolls to operate the canal, when they would not insist on the exemption, but they contended that there would be a large surplus of from other. maintenance from becoming a charge on the Treasury. Most of those who canal, when they would not insist on the exemption, but they contended that there would be a large surplus of folls from other vessels, and that the exemption could well be afforded considering the plethora of revenue.

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OF GUERRILLAS

Declaration of Policy on Subject First Act Is to Cut Off Communication Between Villa's Soldiers at Chihuahua and Their Base at Juarez-Fighting at Tampico Likely to Be Renewed.

tack on that city. As the Federals from
Torreon had not opposed the rebel advance, General Villa's plan was to implant his men strongly and in numbers near that city before attacking it. A train which left Chihuahua, for Juarez before the telegraph was interrupted had not reached here tonight, although it was beffeved the railroad had not been impaired.

Rebels Return to Attack.

of his life were displayed to-day for the inspection of neighbors who had honored and respected him, the body of Melvin H. Couch, lawyer and jurist, was borne silently through the village treets to its last resting place in Rock Ridge Cemetery.

True to him in death, as she had been through life, Mrs. Couch braved a driving snow and hallstorm to pay a last tribute to the father of her children. In her hour of sorrow the grief-strick-

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, December 23.—Fighting Altamira, twenty miles from Tampico, is reported to-day to the State Department by Consul Miller at Tam-Altamira is the town at which rebels began their former operations against Tampico, so that the official dispatches to-day confirm the recial dispatches to-day confirm the re-cent news that the rebels had returned to the attack. There is good reason to believe that the Navy Department through Admiral Fletcher has known for several days of the reconcentra-tion of the rebels at Altamira as a new

is unche, Daniel Leehan, arrived from fanchester, N. H., Leehan said:

"I won't go on any farm. I have een framed up and I am going to ferett this thing out."

MISS WILSON AS SANTA CLAUS

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"On the other proposition, the advocates of uniform tells, while it was still a domestie proposition and before England had been heard from at all, supply is reported to the department to sought to avoid violation of them. The stitutionalists carried off large quantities of provisions.

You are trying to decide

what to give your relatives

You want something that will keep you in their minds

Something that never grows old-that's always new and

Something that interests, amuses and instructs; and

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## GLASS-OWEN CURRENCY BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT



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In her hour of sorrow the grief-strick-en widow was comforted by the pres-ence of scores, who, like herself, had lived in ignorance of the lawyer's strange dual personality.

Denied the privilege of attending the funeral and burial of the man for whom she sacrificed, as a willing slave of so-called love, the best years of her life, Miss Adelaide M. Brance, who characterizes herself "his wife of the heart," viewed the cortege from a barred window of the Sullivan County She wept as this last chapter in the extraordinary drama was being

Not Responsible for Death. At 2 o'clock this morning, just twelve hours before the body of Couch was lowered into his grave. Miss Brance, after a trying third degree ordeal in her cell, was vindicated of all responsibility for the death of the man she had loved. She was also freed of the technical charge of the straightful to this rule are Secretary of state bryan, who will celebrate Christmas in Miaml, Fla., and Secretary of both houses in seeing substantial technical charge of retails and in Miaml, Fla., and Secretary of both houses in seeing substantial washington.

Unlike the President, most of his official family elected to pass the holidays in 2nd about Washington. The exception to this rule are Secretary of an accumulating pleasure and enthus siasm on the part of the membership mas in Miaml, Fla., and Secretary of both houses in seeing substantial washington. technical charge of petty larceny, and told that she was at liberty to leave

"Give me poison, doctor," she pleaded. "I want to die. End my life now, or I will kill myself when I leave here. Yes. I will die on the grave of Mel-

There is a story going the rounds in the village to-night that Miss Brance did attempt to hang herself in the hos-

went to summon Dr. Curlette. When she returned to the law office in the Masonic Temple, Couch had breathed his last. When Dr. Curlette reached the office a few minutes later, how-ever, she had her arms about the neck of the dead man and was weeping Who are you?" Dr. Curlette asked

in surprise.

"This is my home," she sobbed. "I belong here. He was mine. He was my soul-mate."

Puzzled by the presence of the wo-

man whom he had never seen, Dr Cur-lette, a brother-in-law of Couch, sent her into the secret chamber, which had

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Washington to-night at 10:45 o'clock dent to for Pass Christian, Miss., to spend took up his pen, "that I feel a very Christmas.

President cluded the crowd, this which had gathered at the depot to see him depart, by boarding his private car an hour before the time scheduled for its departure. He will return to

morrow afternoon. From Atlanta the party will travel over the Atlanta and West Point Railroad to Montgomery, where they will be transferred to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. which will take them direct to Pass

May Remain in Washington.

like the President, most of his fills men with the enthusi mas in Miami, Fla., and Secretary of of both houses in seeing substa War and Mrs. Garrison, who will leave and lasting things accomplished.

pital ward. Sheriff Kinney refuses, however, to confirm the story. Her faither, "Squire" William Brance, hanged himself ten years ago in Hartwick, where Miss Brance was born. Her brother, Herbert O. Brance, is now postmaster at Hartwick.

College, with them, and they will all celebrate Christmas in Washington.

Secretary McAdoo and his children will be in Washington for Christmas, and so will the Secretary of Labor and postmaster at Hartwick.

William B. Wilson and their chil
Tank Total Refused will have their son, Humphrey than we were even when we convened in April.

"As for the bill itself, I feel that we can say that it is the first of a series of constructive measures by which the Democratic party will show that it knows how to serve the countries.

remain in Tennessee until after New

## PRAISE FOR ROCKEFELLER

Thompson Thinks in 100 Years He Will

Be Regarded as Good Citizen.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Cleveland, O., December 23.—"One hundred years hence John D. Rockefeller will be regarded as having been a typical good citizen. Unlike millionaires who spend most of their time in Europe. Bookefeller, gives the people Europe, Rockefeller gives the people the benefit of his great brain."

So declared Admiral Robert M. the benefit of his great brain."

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Thompson, United States Navy, retred, which came in two pieces, as you know, speaking before the Chamber of Commerce to-day.

# WITH FEW STROKES OF PEN CONVERTS **MEASURE INTO LAW**

Enthusiastic Applause Runs Through Ceremony at White House.

#### FINAL EVENT IN DAY OF REJOICING

In Extemporaneous Speech Chief Executive Says New Act Furnishes Machinery for Free and Elastic and Uncontrolled Credits to Merchants and Manufacturers for First Time in Fifty

"I need not tell you, said the Presideep gratification at being able to sign for its departure. He will return to Washington in time for the diplomatic reception on January 12.

Joseph Tumulty, the Fresident's secretary, will remain at the White House during the holidays and keep in touch with the President by telegraph.

The presidential party left here at 10:45 o'clock to-night on Southern Railway train No. 37, first section, which is due to arrive in Atlanta, Ga., late tomorrow afternoon. From Atlanta the

"Then there has grown, as we have advanced with this business, and the great piece of business which preceded it, evidences of team work that to my mind have been very notable indeed.
Only constructive action, only the ac-

Monticello.

Miss Brance collapsed under the severe cross-examination, and two physiclans, Drs. Curlette and Cauthier, and Mrs. Andrew Dunn, the jail nurse, remained at her bedside in the hospital serted that they would not consent to violate a treaty, and that if it really (Continued on Eighth Page.)

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Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Can will spend their Christmas in their Washington home and will have with them for the holimation and their passage; but this candays their son, Franklin Lane, Jr., not be called a partisan measure. It Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs.

Houston will have a Christmas tree of men on the other side of the two for their children in their Washington home, but will leave the day after for a series of visits to friends. They will and very intelligent reasons for active with us and the series of visits to friends. They will and very intelligent reasons for active with us So that follows. return after New Year's.

Secretary of Commerce and Mrs.
Redfield will have their son, Humphrey Redfield, who is a student at Amherst College, with them, and they will all

Mrs. William B. Wilson and their chil- that it knows how to serve the coun

Couch Died Alone.

It developed to-day when Miss Brance told her story that Couch did not die in her arms, as has been reported. When he was stricken the woman left her barren prison and woman left her barren prison and their washington home.

Mrs. William B. Wilson and their cultivity.

Fostmaster-General and Mrs. Burleson will entertain a house party over the holidays at their Washington home.

Attorney-General McReynolds will ceded it. The tariff bill was meant to complete the district knows how to call that it knows how to call remove those impediments to American industry and prosperity which had so long stood in their way. It was a great piece of preparation for the achievements of American commerce and American industry which are cortain to follow. Then there came upon the heels of it this bill, which furnished the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits, put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first

time in fifty years. Fifty Years for Readjustment. which came in two pieces, as you know, in February of 1863 and in June of 1864. It is just nity years ago since